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*Applicant:* HANS, M., et al

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 19, 2004, please amend  
the application as follows: